Kochi Terminal, for NTPC Ltd.'s existing RGCCPP Stage-I at Kayamkulam and its proposed Stage-II expansion of 1950 MW. Petronet's LNG Terminal at Kochi is likely to be commissioned by June, 2011.

In respect of other infrastructural requirements, land is already available for the project. In-principle availability of water from the State Government, Aviation clearance from the Airport Authority of India and 'No Objection Certificate' from the State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) are available. Signing of Fuel Supply Agreement, making fuel available at reasonable prices/terms, is critical for the execution of the project.

Bifurcation of CBSE

*152. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to bifurcate the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), to get better supervision of school education;

(b) whether it is a fact that a large country like India requires more than one organization for school education;

(c) whether flexibility and change has not resulted from various pronouncements of CBSE; and

(d) the steps proposed to develop and bifurcate the CBSE?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. Besides Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), there are two other School Examination Boards at the national level, i.e., Council for Indian School Certificate Examination (CISCE) and National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), and several Boards at the State level.

(c) CBSE has introduced several curricular and systemic reforms.

(d) Whereas there is no proposal to bifurcate CBSE at present, several initiatives have been taken by CBSE to make the curriculum student-friendly, to make the examinations less stressful and to generally develop the organizational capacity to cater to the educational needs of the student community.

Mid-day Meal Scheme in higher secondary schools

†*153. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to provide mid-day meals to students in the higher secondary schools also;

(b) if so, the annual expenditure likely to be incurred on it;

(c) whether this scheme would be implemented in all the schools in the country; and

(d) if not, in which blocks it would be implemented and the estimated number of students who would be benefited by the same?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.